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Transmitted herewith is a Response Under 37 CFR 1.111 in the above-identified patent application.

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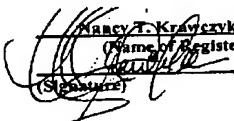
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated September 14, 2004, please amend the claims
as directed below.